

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

DIONDRAE L. PARKER,
Plaintiff,
v.
M. PICKENS, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: 3:22-cv-00543-MMD-CLB

ORDER
(ECF No. 1-3)

On December 9, 2022, pro se plaintiff Diondrae L. Parker, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF Nos. 1-1.) Plaintiff also filed a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period (ECF No. 1-3), but Plaintiff did not file an actual application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will give Plaintiff until **February 15, 2023**, to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

I. DISCUSSION

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. Prac. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her

1 obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments.
2 See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

3 As explained above, Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is
4 incomplete. The Court will therefore deny Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma*
5 *pauperis* without prejudice and grant Plaintiff an extension of time to either pay the filing
6 fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three
7 required documents.

8 II. CONCLUSION

9 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff has **until February 15, 2023**, to either pay the
10 full \$402 filing fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*
11 with all three required documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two
12 signatures on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both by the
13 inmate and the prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account
14 statement for the previous six-month period.

15 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if
16 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff
17 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a
18 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

19 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Diondrae L. Parker the approved
20 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same
21 and retain the complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

22 DATED THIS 16th day of December 2022.

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25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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